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SUBJECT: IVORIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR AMERICAN COMMERCIAL PILOT TRAINING

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROMMINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE A TRAINING GRANT FOR M. GUILLAUME TIDORI, A PILOT WITH AIR IVOIRE, TO ENABLE TIDORI TO MEET FAA REQUIREMENTS TO FLY DC-8. TIDORI HAS ALREADY HAD SOME FLIGHT TRAINING IN US, AND HE IS DEPARTING FOR US ON SEPTEMBER 14 TO COMPLETE TRAINING AT GOIC EXPENSE TO QUALIFY AS AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT AT ACME SCHOOL, MEACHAM FIELD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS. TRANSPORTATION MINISTER HAS REQUESTED US GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN LAST PHASE OF TRAINING TO MEET AIR IVOIRE REQUIREMENTS; THAT IS, IN OBTAINING "NECESSARY ENGINE QUALIFICATION" (TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH MACHINE QUALIFICATION) FOR DC-8.

- 2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM UNDP THAT ICAO TRAINING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ECOLE NATIONALE DE L'AVIATION CIVILE IN TOULOUSE, FRANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL PILOT FIRST CLASS. UNDP INDICATES NO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR FLIGHT TRAINING ON HIGHER LEVEL.
- 3. EMBASSY BELIEVES EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR M. TIDORI. DOES FAA OR AID HAVE ANY PROGRAM OF GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLY IN SUCH A SITUATION? DO ANY PRIVATE COMPANIES ASSIST

FOREIGN PILOTS IN OBTAINING THE REQUESTED QUALIFICATION, E.G., MCDONNELL DOUGLAS?

4. FYI: UNTIL RECENTLY AIR AFRIQUE HAS NOT ALLOWED PILOTS
WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED FLIGHT TRAINING IN FRANCE TO WORK IN
AIRLINE. SINCE RECENT ABIDJAN SUMMIT OF AIR AFRIQUE MEMBER
NATIONS, AIR AFRIQUE HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW POLICY OF
AFRICANIZATION AND HAS PUBLICLY STATED IT WILL ALLOW PILOTS
TO SEEK TRAINING OUTSIDE OF FRANCE AND WILL ALLOW PILOTS
WITH SUCH TRAINING TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE AIRLINE. M. TIDORI
STRONGLY DESIRES RETURN TO US TO COMPLETE TRAINING AND HE APPEARS
TO HAVE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT BACKING TO SEEK EMPLOY WITH AIR
AFRIQUE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF HIS TRAINING. END FYI.
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